

Inauguration Co-Chairs Panel



Objective

To elaborate on The North American Way concept.

Speakers

- **Monica Lozano**, NCF Co-Chair USA
- **Anne McLellan**, NCF Co-Chair Canada
- **Blanca Treviño**, NCF Co-Chair Mexico
- **Enrique Perret**, Managing Director, U.S.-Mexico Foundation

The North Capital Forum (NCF) aims to strengthen the North American narrative among critical stakeholders in Mexico, the U.S., and Canada. The moderator asked the panelists why they accepted their roles as chairs of the **NCF 2022: Advancing the North American Way**.

They believe there is a significant number of areas to work together. This is the right time to add value and make things happen for the region. Panelists agreed on the precise timing of the event. The pandemic changed how we think about economic growth. We now have the chance to reimagine and recreate a narrative that benefits the region rather than recover what we had before.

The Co-Chairs agreed that The North American Way needs participation and cooperation across industries and sectors. The NCF can provide momentum and ideas for the North American Leaders' Summit set to take place in Mexico City.

Building ties at the levels where you can take action is crucial to elevating the importance of the relationship. **Progress moves at the speed of trust, and trust comes through direct connections.**



From the plethora of issues surrounding the trilateral relationship, stakeholders should identify critical areas where the three countries agree and prioritize the areas with the most significant impact on the greatest number of people.

For instance, the main issues in North America are the supply chains and the need for ally-shoring in a time of regionalization. Another topic could be filling the workforce gap in the region; labor mobility is an opportunity for complementarity.

North America is a powerhouse. Mexico, the U.S., and Canada are three strong democracies that need to further the conversation around institutions and how to strengthen them through civil society coming together, talking, listening, and respectfully learning from each other. As a region, we can lead and serve as an example to other democracies around the world that are under threat. 